

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-12 is appreciatively noted.

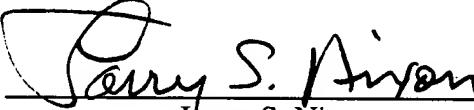
The new rejection of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully traversed. A “signal” is believed to be well within the ambit of potentially patentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite allowance of this application, claims 15-17 have now been canceled above without prejudice or disclaimer. The outstanding grounds of rejection are therefore mooted.

There being no other issues presented, it is believed this entire application is now in condition for allowance and a formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: 

Harry S. Nixon
Reg. No. 25,640

LSN:tlm
901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor
Arlington, VA 22203-1808
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100